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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	25X1
TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains	619046	
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED		25X1
DATE OF CONTENT			
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED 31 March 1954	
REFERENCES			
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information		

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CB - Converted Boxcar      SSy - Heavy-Duty Flatcar  
 B - Boxcar                RHyM - Heavy-Duty Flatcar  
 F - Flatcar

1. [redacted] troop trains [redacted] 25X1  
 between 24 February and 7 March 1954.

Unloading at Ammerdorf.

On 24 February, 2 trains from Weimar; on 25 February, 4 trains with SP guns, 25X1  
 AT guns, and trucks, [redacted] from Rossleben; and on 5 March, 4 trains  
 with mortars and trucks, [redacted]  
 from Rossleben and Koelleda. 1

Unloading at Medewitz.

On 4 March, 4 trains probably from the Magdeburg railroad district. 2 25X1

Loadings.

Between 1 and 6 March, 1 train at Eilenburg; 3 and on 7 March, 1 train of 1 CB,  
 5 B, 11 F at Ammerdorf; 1 1 train of 1 CB, 1 B, 5 F at Wurzen; 3 5 trains  
 including 25 CB, 90 F at Wittenberg; 4 1 train of 9 CB, 2 B, 38 F at Rueck-  
 marsdorf; 5 1 train of 8 CB, 2 B, 29 F at Makranstaedt; 5 and 5 trains  
 including 40 CB, 7 B, 191 F at Altenburg. 6

2. Troop trains to Prenzlau dispatched [redacted] from the Altruppin railroad 25X1  
 station on 10 and 11 March included: a train of 8 CB, 22 F,  
 with trucks on 10 March; and another train of 14 CB, 10 F, 17 SSy [redacted]  
 with tanks and trucks on 11 March. 7

3. The following troop trains were unloaded at the Altruppin railroad station on 15  
 and 16 March:

Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	Dispatching Station
15	13 CB, 9 F, 11 RHyM with tanks and trucks	Dallgow

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<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>
16	4 CB, 23 SSy with four tanks, AT guns and trucks	Burg:
	3 CB, 16 SSy with six tanks, AT guns and trucks	Schwerin
	4 CB, 18 F, 4 RRym with eight tanks, AT guns and trucks	Schwerin

The unloaded units marched toward Zermuetzel.

4. Troop trains passing through the Altruppin railroad station on 15 and 16 March included:

<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Destination</u>
15	5 CB, 2 B, 45 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Schwerin	Lindow
	10 CB, 2 B, 47 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Hagenow	Rheinsberg
	3 CB, 38 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Schwerin	Lindow
	10 CB, 2 G, 48 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	"	Rheinsberg
	10 CB, 4 B, 46 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	"	Lindow
16	10 CB, 2 B, 47 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Hagenow	Rheinsberg
	3 CB, 1 B, 39 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Schwerin	Lindow
	3 CB, 1 B, 16 RRym with tanks	"	Rheinsberg
	4 CB, 1 B, 36 F with AT guns and trucks	"	Lindow
	10 CB, 2 G, 43 F with AT guns and trucks	Wismar	Rheinsberg
	9 CB, 2 B, 40 F with AT guns and trucks	"	Rheinsberg
	6 CB, 1 B, 20 F with AT guns and trucks	Schwerin	Lindow

5. On 15 March, a troop train with 8 tanks, 10 armored scout cars, 10 trucks, and 2 signal trucks was observed at Guben. The train came from Frankfurt/Oder and went to Peitz. 10

1. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 21st Gds Mech Div back to their home station in Halle; the two trains on 24 February 1954 probably were not dispatched from Weimar, but possibly from Ohrdruf or Kindel, while the trains on 25 February and 5 March came from the Lossa troop training grounds. On 7 March 1954, other contingents of the 21st Gds Mech Div probably moved from Ammendorf to Lossa.

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2. Comment. The Medewitz railroad station was used for loading and unloading of troops participating in previous large-scale fall maneuvers in the Dessau area. In the spring of 1954, however, troop movements in this area are reported for the first time. 25X1
3. Comment. The two troop trains possibly hauled components of the 8th Gds Mech Div to Koenigsbrueck for combat firing practice. 25X1
4. Comment. An unconfirmed report indicated that, on 7 March 1954, tank units of the 6th Gds Tank Div were loaded at Wittenberg on four troop trains; and that two of these trains were dispatched to Brand. 25X1  
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5. Comment. The Rueckmarsdorf and Makranstaedt railroad stations are used for loading of troops which are quartered at the Leipzig - Schoenau (8241) barracks installation. As various units are stationed at this installation, the troop trains may have been dispatched to Koenigsbrueck, Wustrow or Altengrabow. 25X1  
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6. Comment. On 7 March 1954, loading of contingents of the 43rd Gds Army Arty Brig at Altenburg 25X1  
three troop trains with artillery from Altenburg to Ohrdruf and Georgenthal passing through Naumburg. The troop trains probably carried the army artillery units of the Eighth Gds Army to the Ohrdruf - Kindel area for field exercises which, on 11 March 1954, should have terminated. 25X1
7. Comment. The troop trains carried components of the 25th Tank Div which, after termination of field exercises, returned to their home stations. 25X1  
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8. Comment. The troop train probably carried a tank unit of the 1st Mech Div to combat firing practice in the Neuruppin area. 25X1
9. Comment. The troop trains carried contingents to field exercises of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps; the trains classified F-3 are reported for the first time. 25X1  
A total of 16 to 18 troop trains dispatched from Sonwerin, Wismar and Hagenow to the Rheinsberg - Lindow area has so far been observed. 25X1
10. Comment. tank contingents of the 7th Gds Mech Div 25X1  
and components of the 32nd AAA Div were shipped to an undetermined destination on 15 March 1954. It is believed that these troops went to the Lieberose troop training grounds area for field exercise; and that the troop train reported in paragraph 5 also belonged to this movement. 25X1  
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